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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2005, and further to the Advisory Action mailed December 14, 2005, and further to the Request for Continued Examination filed on January 30, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows prior to issuing a first Office Action after RCE.

Claims 1-23 and 32-37 are all the claims presently pending in the application.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that claims 8-10 and 12-14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

While Applicant believes that all of the claims are patentable over the cited references, to speed prosecution and place the application in condition for immediate allowance, Applicant rewrites allowable claims 8 and 12 in independent form.

Thus, allowable claims 8-10 and 12-14 should now be allowed.

New claims 35-37 are added to provide more varied protection for the present invention.

Claims 1-7, 11, 15, 16, 23, and 32-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Perrizo (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0009467A1) in view of Ridgley (U.S. Patent No. 6,583,800). Claims 17-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Perrizo in view of Ridgley, and further in view of Lipson, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,463,426).

The Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw these rejections and to permit claims 1-7, 11, 15-23, and 32-34 to pass to immediate allowance.

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FORMAL MATTERS

The Examiner is requested to acknowledge receipt of and approve the formal drawings filed on September 20, 2001.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-23 and 32-37, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

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